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## SPIRIT

### 931ST AIR REFUELING GROUP



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McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas

June 2000

## Kosovo campaign medal approved

Courtesy of Air Force  
News Service

President Clinton has approved establishment and award of the Kosovo Campaign Medal and campaign streamers to recognize servicemembers who participated in or were in direct support of the Kosovo operations within established areas of eligibility.

Individuals authorized the KCM must have participated in or served in direct support of one or more of the following Kosovo operations: Allied Force, Joint Guardian, Allied Harbor, Sustain Hope/Shining Hope, Noble Anvil, or Kosovo Task Force Hawk, Task Force Saber, or Task Force Hunter within the Kosovo Air Campaign or Kosovo Defense Campaign area of eligibility.

The Kosovo Air Campaign began on March

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## New commander takes the reins

Story and photo by  
Staff Sgt. David Brumley  
*Kanza Spirit Staff Writer*

The 931st Air Refueling Group shifted gears over the May UTA with arrival of a new commander. Col. James Bouska assumed command of the group from Col. Daniel Opp in a ceremony held May 7 in the Emerald Ballroom.

Following the ceremony, Opp headed west to become the special assistant to the commander of the 4th Air Force at March AFB, Calif., and a new civilian position with Federal Express. "I couldn't have asked for a better group of folks to work with," said Opp, "you have a great future here and a great new commander."

Bouska comes to McConnell from March, where he was the chief of the standards and readiness branch with the 4th AF. He said he is excited to lead the 931st and that he looks forward to meeting the challenges of command.

"These first few days have been a whirlwind. I already feel like I'm in a Kansas Tornado," said Bouska during the ceremony. "I look at your time



**Maj. Gen. Wallace Whaley, 4th Air Force Commander, hands the guidon to Col. James Bouska, 931st Air Refueling Group Commander as Chief Master Sgt. Billy Mead looks on.**

as a checkbook. You only have a certain amount of time that can be spent and a number of people wanting to receive payment from you. I look at my job as one who will try to help with the balancing of that checkbook."

Bouska entered the Air Force in 1974 as a graduate of Loyola University of Los Angeles Calif., and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He attended pilot training at Columbus AFB, Miss., and was then assigned to the 909th Air Refueling Squadron at Kadena AB,

Okinawa, where he flew the KC-135A. Since 1978, Bouska has served at March in a variety of positions such as aircraft commander, squadron operations officer and chief of the 4th AF tanker operations and training branch.

Bouska is a command pilot with over 4,500 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, KC-135A, RC-135T and KC10A aircraft.

**Editor's note:** To learn more about the new boss, check out his column in this month's issue. Just turn the page -- the article is on Page 2!



# Hello from your new commander

By Col. James Bouska

931st ARG Commander

The first thing I want to say as the new kid on the block is thanks for the welcome and the help in trying to get settled in. It all happened so fast, it was like a Kansas tornado swept through California and transplanted me while I was sleeping. But you know what? I ended up with the best of it -- the 931st.

## Who am I?

Since the change of command in May and the June UTA, I've had three separate commander conferences to attend, and I know a lot of you are wondering just who is this blond surfer dude from the West. Well for a little background: I spent eight years on active duty flying KC-135As, then joined the Reserve in 1984 and the new KC-10 reserve associate program at March AFB. I was a reserve bum for two years and then became an ART. Did all the squadron jobs available including senior ART ops officer for the next six years. Then, I became the deputy Ops Group Commander for three years. When they downgraded that position, I moved to 4th Air Force for not quite five years. Working at the NAF was like being in school learning the big picture and supporting 12

different flying units.

That in a nutshell is where I'm coming from and no, I don't surf (and never did)! If you want to know more you'll just have to come by for a cup of coffee sometime. I'm buying.

## Congratulations

First, take some time to thank all our people who worked so hard and did so well in representing us at AMC's Rodeo 2000 for a job well done! Second, at the 15 Air Force Commander's conference the 22nd Air Refueling wing won the Solano Trophy for best active wing in 15th AF. Third, take a moment to congratulate the following individuals who earned college degrees: Associate Degrees from the Community College of the Air Force:

**Senior Master Sgt. Diane Hiebert**

**Master Sgt. Mack Housman**

**Master Sgt. Troy Lawson**

**Master Sgt. Donna Lorenz**

**Senior Airman Jason Simmers** Masters Degree from Webster University:

**Maj. William Dorsey**

## Safety

As we approach the summer and start planning vacations, just take a moment to reflect on how you approach the fun and relaxing times with your families. Fun doesn't mean throwing caution to the wind



Col. James Bouska

and getting "down and daring." We have learned many ways to mitigate risk while doing our jobs; don't leave all those tools and mindsets at the gate when you go home and go on vacation. Have fun smartly, but have fun and enjoy the summer with family and friends.

## Late Breaking News

On June 2, the line captain to major and non-line Major to lieutenant colonel promotion boards results were released.

The 931st did extremely well, and by the numbers I saw at the time I was writing this we are going to have quite a promotion party. Congratulations to all!

In closing, let me say thanks once again to one and all for helping me settle in. Soon, I hope to be spending most of my time on station, instead of at conferences.

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## Don't miss the 931st ARG Family Day Picnic!



**When:** June 11 (UTA Sunday) at noon

**Where:** The Pines pavillion (on the Guard side)

**What's on the menu:** Free hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, chips, sno-cones and drinks

**Who's invited:** Everyone and their families

**Entertainment:** The 931st Blues Band, egg toss, moonwalk, tug of war, volleyball, much more!



# Rodeo wrap-up

## Kansas cowpokes compete at international event

**Wrap-up and photos by  
Staff Sgt. Jason Whited**  
*Kanza Spirit Editor*

More than a dozen 931st members saddled up and hit the trail to Rodeo 2000 last month. The weeklong competition, held May 7 to 13 at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., gave 931st ARG troops the chance to go head to head with some of the best aircrew and maintainers in the world.

Team members worked long hours (often in the hot North Carolina sun) under the watchful eyes of "umpires," maintainers and aircrew who graded the McConnell team on

their performance. As reserve maintainers constantly combed their jet looking for even the smallest problem, the aircrews either prepared themselves for their own events or lent support to those guys working on the flightline.

Events included numerous maintenance inspections, an air refueling, a cargo loading and a Single Integrated Operations Plan event. When the dust settled and the weeklong event drew to a close, 931st cowboys didn't win any events, but team members said they had a good time and were looking forward to competing at the next Rodeo, scheduled for 2002.

### The team

Maj. Trace McDermott, Rodeo team captain; Capt. Tony Harris; Lt. Mark Myers; Senior Master Sgt. Bill Stacey; Tech. Sgt. John Wallman; Senior Master Sgt. Lloyd Campbell, maintenance team captain; Master Sgt. John Boulett; Master Sgt. Mark Allen; Master Sgt. Wade Jones; Tech. Sgt. Albert Ryder; Tech. Sgt. James Kirk; Tech. Sgt. Ernest Goethe; Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Karczmarczyk; Staff Sgt. Joseph Reid; Staff Sgt. Steven Tucker; and Staff Sgt. Cole Rogers.

Special thanks go to: Master Sgt. Erik Smith; Tech. Sgt. Marty Curry; Tech. Sgt. Gary Justice; Tech. Sgt. Paul Shattuck; Staff Sgt. Jeff Hicks; and Vickie Hayden



**Master Sgt. Wade Jones, 931st Aircraft Generation Squadron, checks a leak shortly after the 931st team landed at Pope Air Force Base, N. C.**



**Capt. Tony Harris, 18th Air Refueling Squadron, takes a break from a pre-flight check.**



**Master Sgt. Mark Allen, 931st AGS, performs some preventive maintenance before an inspection.**

# McConnell open house, airshow takes off

By Lt. Col. Henderson

*Airshow/open house project officer*

McConnell's open house and air show -- Thunder in the Heartland 2000 -- is right around the corner! On June 17 and 18, McConnell will open its gates to Wichita and the surrounding communities. We're expecting more than 150,000 visitors over the weekend.

This year's headliners are the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Demonstration Team and Tora Tora Tora -- a recreation of the attack on Pearl Harbor. In addition, several flying acts are scheduled, including an F-15 Strike Eagle

and U.S. Marine Corps AV-8 Harrier flight demo. For the airplane enthusiast, there will be many modern day and historic aircraft on static display our flightline.

The gates open at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. You can enter from either the east or west gate.

Our parking plan this year is solid, thanks to the hard work of our security forces and airfield management professionals. As a reminder, please don't

## Open house/ airshow fast facts

- Gates open at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday
- No coolers or pets
- Cars can enter from both gates
- Bring your camera!

bring coolers or pets.

We also have several events leading up to the open house and air show weekend. On June 9 and 10 June, we'll have a golf tournament and a two-mile run respectively. The run will be



Photo courtesy of Tora! Tora! Tora!

**Tora! Tora! Tora! is scheduled to perform at this year's open house/airshow. The team recreates the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor -- complete with simulated strafing runs and an impressive display of pyrotechnics.**

open to the public. On June 12, the B-47 Stratojet-on display near the main gate-will be formally dedicated.

A majority of the flying acts and static display aircraft will begin arriving on 16 June. On that day, we'll host some special guests from the local community

so they can come out and meet the Golden Knights and watch some of the flying acts practice.

The open house and air show is just another opportunity for us to showcase Team McConnell as the premier air refueling wing in the Air Force.

Come on out and have fun!

## AF officials streamline ADSC program

Courtesy of Air Force  
News Service

WASHINGTON -- Air Force leaders have simplified and standardized the active duty service commitment policy -- making it less cumbersome and easier to understand.

Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan recently approved the new ADSC plan.

"The new ADSC Air Force instruction and tables are simple and easy to understand," Secretary Peters said. "But, more importantly, they are designed to be fair to the individual service member. This is simply the right thing to do -

- nothing can be more devastating in my mind -- than not treating people fairly."

The revision comes after a month-long review by an integrated process team appointed by the secretary and chief to fix the ADSC problems. Led by Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, deputy chief of staff for plans and programs, the team was tasked to come up with a plan to simplify and standardize ADSCs.

"Our guidance to the IPT was simple," said General Ryan. "Create an easily understood program that is fair and equitable to the Air Force and its members."

During review of the existing program, the team found the

rules and tables governing ADSCs to be complex and ambiguous, often contributing to incorrect documentation. The new program lets airmen plan their careers while allowing the Air Force to manage force requirements.

"We took the ADSC AFI from 15 tables and 189 rules down to only two tables and 34 rules," explained General DeKok. "Our primary premise was simplicity."

"The ADSC program, however, should also not nickel-and-dime our troops for service owed, but rather be a tool that shows a mutual faith and trust for our service to our country," he said. "The new program puts the trust back where it belongs -

- in our people."

The major changes hit three primary areas: advanced flying training, education and training, and promotions. Changes to flying training include standardized pilot commitments of 10 years - regardless of weapon system or major command - and eliminating ADSCs for in-unit training.

Additionally, 95 percent of education and training ADSCs were eliminated for courses under 20 weeks. This involved approximately 5,600 courses. ADSCs will also move to a standardized three years for all courses over 20 weeks. This includes Air Force Institute of

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# Hot shots



## Nearly one in six Air Force reservists starts anthrax vaccination

**By Capt. James Bishop**

*Air Force Reserve Command  
Public Affairs*

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - As of this spring, 11,014 Air Force reservists have begun the six-shot, 18-month anthrax vaccine series, according to the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program, Office of the Army Surgeon General, which administers the program.

A total of 40,125 doses have been given to blue-suit reservists. The Air Force's Selected Reserve has about 70,120 reservists in the unit and individual mobilization augmentee programs.

Another 5,406 members of the Army Reserve and 3,468 Naval reservists have begun the series as of April 19, AVIP reported. Eventually, all 2.4 million military personnel, including about 1 million

members of the National Guard and Reserves will be vaccinated according to AVIP figures. As of March 29, 422,946 DOD service members have begun the anthrax vaccination series, AVIP reported.

"Proportionally, we have immunized more of our people than the active duty," one official said.

### ***What if a reservist refuses to take the shot?***

First, a commander would take steps to educate the member on the seriousness of the threat and the effectiveness of the vaccine. Then, according to an AFRC Staff Judge Advocate memorandum to commanders, the member would be given a written order. After that, the price for refusing the vaccine escalates from receiving letters of counseling to reassignment to the inactive reserve.

The bottom line about refusals is that commanders choose consequences from a range of options, and no member can consistently refuse to take the anthrax shot and stay in the Reserve, said Col. Carl Behrens, deputy staff judge advocate at Headquarters AFRC.

"We're not trying to punish people who don't take the shots," Behrens said.

"We're trying to protect our troops from a deadly weapon." Side effects expected but short-term.

### ***Side effects***

The number of side effects reported so far remains low. As of March 29, nearly 1.6 million doses of anthrax vaccine had been given to 422,946 service members. Of those, 674 people have submitted reports of adverse reactions to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. An independent panel of civilian medical experts found just 396

of the 674 reports were "certainly or probably caused by anthrax vaccine," according to a report by the Anthrax Vaccine Expert Committee.

"Inherently, the vaccine has expected side effects, but it's a safe vaccine," said one Defense Department official.

Though the most severe reactions may temporarily disqualify a pilot from flying status, they are rare and short-term, according to officials. Most adverse reports are of skin rashes and bumps on arms.

### ***Need more info?***

Reservists can obtain further information by contacting their medical unit or visiting the DOD anthrax web site at [www.anthrax.osd.mil](http://www.anthrax.osd.mil). Flight crews should visit [www.aviationmedicine.com](http://www.aviationmedicine.com)



# Safety first

## Air Force wants you to be safe during summer



Staff Sgt. Jason Whited

Working in the hot summer sun can fry your brain, but you risk everything if you don't remember to work safely. Here, Staff Sgt. Joseph Reid does the smart thing and double checks his equipment before he starts vacuuming FOD off of the flightline.



All photos U. S. Air Force photos unless otherwise noted  
It's hard to find a better time to go camping than during the summer. However, if safety isn't foremost in your mind, something as simple as a campfire feast can turn dangerous in seconds.

**By Maj. Terri Kett**  
931 ARG  
*Unit Safety Representative*

If you've been around the Air Force any length of time, you're probably familiar with the term "101 Critical Days of Summer." But, past just knowing the term, what do the 101 Critical Days really mean?

Well, back in the 1970s, the Air Force realized that a disproportionate number of fatalities -- particularly off-duty -- were occurring during the summer months. In an effort to lower the number of losses, the Air Force implemented a safety campaign called the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

The idea behind the annual campaign is to raise safety/Operational Risk Management awareness during a time when people increase their risk of injury or death by participating in traditional summer outdoor activities.

All the fun stuff we do during the summer months can be dangerous, if not downright lethal. Motorcycling, boating, swimming, bicycling, outdoor sports, camping . . . all wonderful summer time activities, but also potential hazards to you, friends, and family members.

From 1997 to 1999, the Air Force enjoyed the lowest mishap rates in the service's history. Although no single factor can

account for the decreased mishaps, the 101 Critical Days campaign should certainly be considered as a possible source of influence in achieving the lower rates. The idea of the campaign isn't to completely avoid risk activities, but to approach them "smart".

In the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's message to the field, Gen. Michael Ryan stated that he "expects each individual to do his/her best to make positive risk decisions and to realize that an impact on mishap prevention can be made by everyone. I don't expect personnel to abstain from sports and recreation activities that involve risk, but I do expect they will be aware of and use the tried and true precautions that go with each activity. I want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer, free of needless injury or loss. We can't undo the mishaps of the past, but we can learn from them to prevent more of the same in the future."

Col. James Bouska, 931st Air Refueling Group Commander, said he fully endorses the 101 Critical Days campaign, adding he wants "all 931st members (to) maintain a heightened level of safety awareness throughout the summer months both on and off-duty."

The campaign kicked off May 26 and runs through Sept. 4. Remember, safety starts with you!



Summer can qu



Thousands will go dream night remain



# First

## ring 101 Critical Days of Summer



### For more info

For more information on the 101 Critical Days of Summer, see your organization's unit safety representative or go online and visit the Air Force Safety Center's website at [www-afsc.saia.af.mil/AFSC/welcome.html](http://www-afsc.saia.af.mil/AFSC/welcome.html).

Summer is a great time to head out to one of the many area lakes, but this kind of "fun in the sun" can quickly turn to tragedy if safety isn't your first priority.



Hundreds of airmen and their families are on vacation this summer, but a vacation can quickly turn into a tragedy if people aren't safe and don't take time to be aware of their surroundings.

### Common sense safety tips

What can you do to keep you and your family safe this summer? First, use common sense at all times -- good old fashioned "horse sense" can go a long way toward keeping you safe this summer. Second, think about Operational Risk Management, which is just a fancy term for thinking about doing something (and about how safe or unsafe it is) before you do it. Third, keep the following safety tips in mind not only during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, but all year long:

•**Driving safety** -- Driving defensively is your key to staying alive on the roads. Please remember, drivers are becoming more and more aggressive out there. Don't add to the problem and increase your risk of death just because you want to drive a little faster or take some chances. Also, remember that booze and cars DO NOT mix. You might have gotten away with it before, but one day your luck WILL run out.

•**Travelling safety** -- New cities/countries are great to visit, but they pose unique safety risks to you. Get out there and have

fun, but don't lose your common sense (and maybe your life) while on vacation. Be aware of strangers who prey on tourists and their families. It happens everyday.

•**Work safety** -- Always follow all safety procedures at work and REALLY think about what you're doing. You don't want to miss out on a great summer because you didn't use your head and have found yourself cooped up in a hospital bed for weeks.

•**Think things through** -- Whatever you do this summer, use common sense!





### **Joint U.S. military training exercise benefits Grenada, Jamaica**

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada -- Joint Task Force Midas, a team comprising civil engineer and medical personnel, is hard at work here building a school, a community center, a barracks, and offering free health care services to benefit the people of this island nation.

This operation is part of a larger exercise known as New

# Around the Air Force



The lead unit of JTF-Midas, the 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., began construction on a community center May 15, and a school May 22, both here in the Grenadian capital. Additionally, Marines from the 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N.C., began work on a 60-person barracks for the Special Services Unit of the Royal Grenadian Police Force May 15.

Members from the 801st Combat Support Hospital, based at Phillip A. Sheridan Reserve

awareness, and pregnancy management.

Members of the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla., began work on a new administrative building for the Jamaican Defense Force in Moneague, Jamaica recently as part of the New Horizons program as well. The project is expected to be completed in late July.

The cost of the projects for Grenada totals more than \$610,000 U.S. dollars and is funded by U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla. NH 2000 efforts total \$34 million U.S. dollars and have benefited other Caribbean nations such as Jamaica, Trinidad, and Antigua. The 150-person JTF-Midas team is expected to complete all projects in Grenada by mid-August.



Staff Sgt. Lori Stewart

**Members of the 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., place concrete in forms at the construction site where they are building a community center in St. George's, Grenada.**

Horizons 2000, a humanitarian program sponsored by the Department of Defense. NH 2000 provides opportunities for the team members to hone their respective engineering or medical skills, while working with host nation counterparts, sharing ideas and enhancing cooperative relationships between nations.

Center, Ill., conducted a two-week medical readiness and training exercise here May 17-25, at the towns of Grenville and Happy Hill. The primary focus of the medical portion of the exercise was preventative medicine and health maintenance such as dietary education, dental hygiene, AIDS

William Cohen.

The National D-Day Museum has been designed to tell the story of veterans who fought in one of the greatest wars of the 20th Century. It will honor the courage, optimism and teamwork of the men and women who won World War II, and promote the exploration and expression of these values for future generations.

Similar events designed to celebrate the opening as well as honor World War II veterans will be held in coming weeks.

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### **National D-Day Museum celebrates grand opening**

KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- World War II veterans will get some well deserved recognition as the Department of Defense helps celebrate the grand opening of the National D-Day Museum June 3-6 in New Orleans.

"It is my expectation that the defense department's participation in this event will help renew our national admiration for the heroism and sacrifice of America's veterans," said Secretary of Defense



Staff Sgt. Bob Pullen

### **The eternal flame**

**Col. Rodney Gibson, 13th Air Force Vice Commander, runs a segment of the Olympic Torch relay along the streets of Guam May 22. Guam is the first stop for the Olympic flame on its way through 13 Oceanic countries and on to Australia.**





## MEDAL

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24, 1999, and ended on June 10, 1999. The area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy and Slovenia; and the waters and air space of the Adriatic and Ionian Sea north of 39 degrees North latitude.

The Kosovo Defense Campaign began on June 11, 1999, and will end on a date to be determined. The area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, and the waters and air space of the Adriatic Sea within 12 nautical miles of the Montenegro, Albania, and Croatia coastlines south of 42 degrees and 52 minutes North latitude.

Servicemembers must have served, or be currently serving, in a unit participating in or directly supporting the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of eligibility or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involves entering the operations area of eligibility or meets one or more of the following criteria:

Be engaged in actual combat, or duty that is equally as hazardous as combat duty, during the operation with armed opposition, regardless of time in the area of eligibility.

While participating in the operation, regardless of time, is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility.

While participating as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out

of, within, or over the area of eligibility in direct support of the military operation.

One bronze star shall be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the KCM for qualifying participation in each campaign period. A servicemember who qualified as a participant in one campaign would wear the KCM with one bronze star on the medal and service ribbon.

Availability of the KCM in the federal supply system will be published in a subsequent release.

## ADSC

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Technology masters degree programs. AFIT doctorate programs will stabilize at a five-year commitment, and ADSCs will be eliminated for Squadron Officer School.

Federal statutes govern time-in-grade retirement requirements for senior officers. Given these statutory mandates for officer retirements, the previous two-year ADSC associated with promotions for major through colonel was not needed and has been eliminated.

Given the absence of comparable statutory restrictions on enlisted time-in-grade retirement requirements, and Defense Department regulatory requirements that senior noncommissioned officer promotions carry an ADSC, the two year ADSC remains for promotions to E-7, E-8 and E-9.

Air Force members will maintain their current ADSCs - as reflected on the signed Air Force Forms 63 in their personnel files.

When the new AFI goes into effect June 1, airmen will move under the new rules as they sign

# Meet the IG

By Lt. Col.

**Ralph Rissmiller**

*931st ARG Inspector General*

Every member of the group has the right to use the IG complaints system to seek resolutions to problems. As the IG, I will do everything I can to help resolve any problems you bring me. I will, however, always ask you to go through your chain-of-command first. Your immediate supervisor, first sergeant, or squadron commander deserves the opportunity to work your problem, if possible. The group commander and the command chief master sergeant also stand ready to help, if necessary.

If none of these individuals are able to resolve the issue to your satisfaction, the IG process may be your next course of action. Any time you desire to talk to me about an IG issue, or any other matter,

please feel free to call Ext. 3684, make an appointment, simply stop by the office or send e-mail to me. If an IG issue arises and I am not available, you may contact Maj. Steve Kett, 931st Intelligence at Ext. 5853 (the alternate IG). You can find our names and numbers on IG posters around the group.

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## Alternate IG

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(316) 759-5853/DSN 743-5853

Here are some additional numbers:

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline -- (316) 759-3192/DSN 743-3192

DOD Hotline -- (703) 693-5080/(800) 424-9098/DSN 223-5080

new ADSC commitments. This will primarily occur as people undergo a permanent change of station or attend extensive training.

For those who feel an injustice has been done in the past or in the way the new rules are being implemented, the Air Force Personnel Center commander has been given wide latitude to grant relief.

The new ADSC tables are available online at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil).

## Story ideas?

If you have a "hot tip" on an interesting news story or feature article, call Staff Sgt. Jason Whited, the Kanza Spirit Editor, at Ext. 3616.

We're always on the lookout for a great story, so give us a call.

Who knows? Your tip could lead to a front page story!



# Spirit Shorts

## Movin' on up!

Congratulations to the following 931st members on their recent promotions:

**Staff Sgt. Paula Hearn**, 931st Aircraft Generation Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Joseph Reid**, 931st AGS; **Staff Sgt. Christopher Stearns**, 931st AGS; **Tech. Sgt. Darren Demel**, 18th Air Refueling Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Wesley Miller**, 931st Mission Support Flight; **Tech. Sgt. Victor Vaughan**, 931st Civil Engineering Squadron; **Senior Master Sgt. John Johnston**, 931st Operations Support Flight; and **Master Sgt. Eloise Hunter**, 931st OSF

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Congratulations to the following people for completing Professional Military Education or formal technical training.

**Tech. Sgt. Edwin Craig**, 931st CES, completed the NCO Academy in residence; **Master Sgt. LLOYD Thompson**, 931st CES, completed the Senior NCO Academy; **Tech. Sgt. Katherine Steiner**, 18th ARS, completed the NCO Academy; **Senior Airman Carla Sonnen**, 18th ARS, completed Airman Leadership School; **Master Sgt. Lea Shivley**, 18th ARS, completed Aeromed 3 level school; **Staff Sgt. Robert Craig**, 931st CES, completed Civil Engineers 7 level school; **Staff Sgt. Roxanne Howard**, 931st OSF, completed Information Management 7 level school; **Staff Sgt. Hugo Hurtado**, 931st Air Refueling Group, completed Information Management 7 level school; **Senior Airman Ian Vanecken**, 931st AGS, completed

Electrical-Environmental 3 level school; **Airman 1st Class Ryan Cooper**, 931st Mission Support Flight, completed Security Forces 3 level school

## Military Personnel Flight hours

The core hours of operation for the MPF are as follows:

Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; UTA Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; UTA Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Need to outprocess?

If you, or any unit member you know, needs to out process for TDY, reassignment, or retirement, please keep in mind that on UTA weekends the Military Pay section is only open for business on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thinking ahead can insure you do not have to come out during the week to finish your out-processing.

For further information contact Tech. Sgt. Anick Wallace in Relocations at Ext. 3665.

## Fill out that Form No. 93!

The DD Form No. 93 provides information on the Primary Next of Kin, Secondary Next of Kin and other persons to notify in case of death, injury or an emergency.

This form also serves as the official document required for designating beneficiaries for death gratuity pay and unpaid pay and allowances. Members should take this seriously and ensure it's filled out.



Tech. Sgt. Thelma Herrera

## Proud to serve

**Tech. Sgt. Shelby Gobel**, 931st Civil Engineering Squadron, shakes the hand of **Maj. Kimberly Thompson**, 931st CES Commander, after re-enlisting for six years. **Gobel has been assigned to the 931st CES since February 1987.**

## MPF closure

The MPF is closed each UTA Sunday from 7:30 to 10 a.m. for in-house training. Classes are held in the TNET room (Room No. 217), and all administrative personnel (3A0X1 & 3S0X1) are welcome to attend.

## NCO Academy dates

We only have two slots remaining for this fiscal year, one in July (at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.) and one in September (at Maxwell AFB, Ala.). Interested staff sergeants with eight years time in service and tech. sergeants may contact Group Training at Ext. 5423 for information and application procedures.

## NCO Leadership Development Course

The following dates /

locations are available for the NCOLDP course:

Tinker AFB, Okla., June 5 through 9 and 10 through 14 (must attend both weeks).

Ft Worth JRB, Texas, Sept. 16 through 24 00

Interested staff and tech. sergeants may contact Group Training at Ext. 5423 for more details.

## Annual Walk

The 931st Civil Engineering Squadron will be holding its annual fitness walk on Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

the 931st Mission Support Flight will be holding its on Sunday at 7:45 a.m.

The 931st Aircraft Generation Squadron will be holding its on Sunday at 10 a.m..

Bring your athletic clothes and walking shoes! Ensure you recertify your AFRC Form No. 48 with your fitness monitors.



## Spirit Shorts

### Consumer product recalls

You don't have to wait to hear about the latest toy or appliance recall on the 10 o'clock news -- the 931st Air Refueling Wing Safety Office now provides links to the latest Consumer Product Safety Commission recalls on the unit's public drive.

On the drive, KANZA02, you'll find a Word document with information and hyperlinks to every CPSC recall for the year. Some of the latest product recalls include baby hammocks and candle holders.

### Legal assistance

The 931st ARG Judge Advocate staff is ready to assist unit members in any possible way and offers a variety of services. For more information, call Ext. 3804.

### Congratulations, CE

Congratulations to members of the 931st Civil Engineering Squadron CCA team for being named the AFRC and AMC nominees for the Air Force Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award.

The team now goes on to compete at the Air Force level. Keep watching the Spirit for updates!

### Vols needed for airshow food booth

Volunteers are needed to work in the 931st ARG concession booth at this year's open house/airshow June 17, 18. Each organization that sponsors a booth gets a portion of the profits, so get out there and help the 931st earn some money!

Vols are needed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Vols can

work part of the day or the whole day. Family members who are at least 16 years old can work, too. This is a fun way to add money to your unit's slush fund for that next party, going away, cook out, etc.

To sign up, contact Maj. Terri Kett at Ext. 3728 or via e-mail.

If you're in the 18th Air Refueling Squadron, sign up through Mike Moeding.

### Be careful entering through the main gate

As part of the 101 Critical Days of Summer, please make sure you enter McConnell safely each morning.

If you enter the base by travelling south on Rock Road and making a right turn onto McConnell, make sure you have come to a complete stop if the traffic light is red. There have been recent reports of drivers failing to stop completely before making that turn onto base and just rolling right through the turn, nearly causing an accident.

Remember, use common sense when you're driving. Others might not see you if you come sliding through the turn with your lights turned off (for the gate guard). Doesn't that seem like an accident waiting to happen?

Use your head and be a courteous and safe driver. (Note: Master Sgt. Greg Bourgeois contributed to this report)

### Upcoming UTAs

July 15,16  
August 5,6  
September 9,10  
October 14,15  
November 4,5  
December 9,10

Note: Please call (888) 708-3885 for billeting changes.

## 931st ARG Family Day Picnic



**When:** June 11 (UTA Sunday) at noon

**Where:** The Pines pavillion (on the Guard side)

**What's on the menu:** Free hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, chips, sno-cones and drinks

**Who's invited:** Everyone and their families

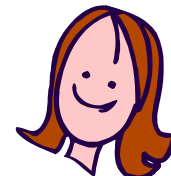
**Entertainment:** The 931st Blues Band, egg toss, water balloons, egg realy, sack runs, moonwalk, tug of war, dizzy bat relay, volleyball, wading pools, slip and slide, horse rides and a chance to "Dunk a Chief or Commander."

**Please note:** If you're a non-commuter and you're bringing your family, please call (888) 708-3885 to request space-A temporary lodging.

## Kids' Safety Awards



### Contest



Plastic safety products like bike helmets, smoke alarms, seat belts and sports equipment keep us safe everyday. Let us know how important these devices are; choose a device and tell us how it has kept you or someone you know from getting seriously hurt or how it's saved a life.

The first 2,000 kids who enter will receive a FREE bike helmet. Twenty grand prize winners will also receive a \$100 savings bond.

Mail your essay along with your name, address, school name and age to SAFE KIDS Safety Contest, National SAFE KIDS Campaign, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, #1000, Washington, DC 20004 or enter online at [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org).



## Wichita weekend

### Tracy Lawrence

June 9, The Cotillion Ballroom, 11120 W. Kellogg, 722-4201. 9pm; Doors open 7:30 pm. For advance tickets, call 755-SEAT(7328), At the door, tickets cost \$22.

### Summer film series

June 9, 10, Wichita Center for the Arts, 9112 E. Central, 634-ARTS (2787). "Black Maria Film Festival" (2000). A different program presented nightly. \$6/everning or \$10/both nights. The Center's 3rd Annual Film Series offerings range from Soviet propaganda, and documentary to opera and Josephine Baker. Most films show Sat at 7:30pm, usually with weekend matinees at 2 p.m.

### Smoky Hill

### River Festival

June 9 through 11, Oakdale Park, Salina. The Festival draws 90,000 people for an exciting weekend of music, art, dance and food. For tickets, call (785)826-7410



Staff Sgt. David Brumley

## A joyful noise

Tech Sgt. Gil Brown of the 931st Air Refueling Group Social Actions Office "tickles the ivories" during the May "Sunday Service."

The 7:45 am chapel service is held in the Southwind Conference Room in Building No. 850 on UTA Sundays. For more information on how the chaplain's office can help you, contact Chaplain (Maj. ) Charles Peters at Ext. 3714.

## Flick picks

The following movies will be showing at the base theater during the June UTA:

### Friday

"U-571" (PG-13)  
1 hour, 50 minutes

### Saturday

"Love and Basketball" (PG-13)  
1 hour, 58 minutes

### Sunday

"U-571" (PG-13)  
1 hour, 50 minutes

### Other area theaters:

Cinemas East 6: 684-2805  
Towne East 4: 685-1121  
Towne East 2: 681-2717  
Cinemas West: 729-5665  
Towne West 5: 945-5093  
Norhtrock 14: 636-5432  
Northrock 6: 636-5431  
Palace: 721-7949  
Premier Palace: 691-9700  
Warren Theater: 721-9545

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